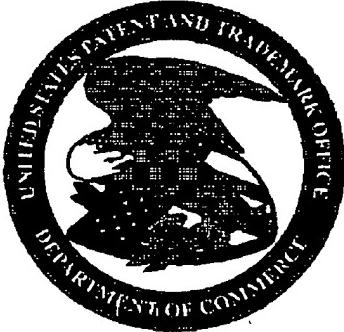


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<i>Application Number</i>	09/897,365
<i>Filing Date</i>	JULY 2, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Adrianus W.M. van der Enden et al
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2654
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Daniel A. Nolan
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	NL000385

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 26, 2004
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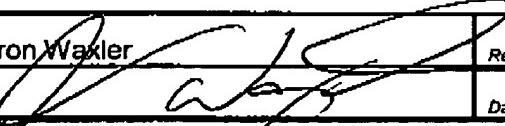
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b. Other _____

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